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Your Honor,

Please do not approve Walmart to entering into the banking field.

Our economy has suffered enough from Walmart practices. Our small local town has become a ghost town since Walmart built a store on the edge of town. We have lost a hardware store, two clothing stores, a dollar store, a drug store, a Western Auto store, and several other mom and pop operations. Our downtown area is empty except for a couple of antique/resale shops. In other words, our down town is typical of other downtowns where Walmart has come to town. The Walmart store does not supply "full time jobs" to very few of their employees. They threaten their employees with release if they tell other employees what they make (my sister-in-law a former Walmart employee was warned about telling anyone what she made).

If Walmart puts in a bank, our two local banks will fold and then in true Walmart fashion, Walmart will send the bulk of their banking operation to China or India where labor is cheap and benefits are zero.

Please help the American economy from de-stabilizing any further by keeping our money within the FDIC's control.

Sincerely,

Jackie Brandmeyer, a concerned United States and Missouri citizen